

**CITY OF WATERVLIET**  
**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
**OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** dating violence is a reality for many youth and an issue that many are unaware of; and

**WHEREAS,** one in three young people are affected by physical, sexual or verbal dating violence, with one in five in a serious relationship reporting having been slapped, pushed, hit, threatened or coerced by a partner; and breakups can be a time of even greater risk even when a relationship was never physically abusive; and

**WHEREAS,** young people can choose better relationships when they understand that healthy relationships are based on respect and learn to identify early warning signs of an abusive relationship; and

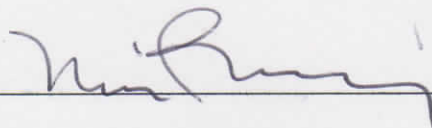
**WHEREAS,** elimination of dating violence must be achieved through cooperation of individuals, organizations and communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Dating Violence Awareness & Prevention Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing dating violence and to show support for the numerous organizations and individuals who provide critical advocacy, services and assistance to victims.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**  
**I, MICHAEL P. MANNING, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WATERVLIET, NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF FEBRAURY, 2010 AS DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS & PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF WATERVLIET, NEW YORK.**



**In Witness Whereof,  
I have hereunto set my hand and caused  
the Seal of the City of Watervliet to be  
affixed on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2010**

  
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**Mayor**